

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.	: 10/018,026	Confirmation No. 4684
Applicant:	: Atle Bjornerud	
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Examiner:	: Ruth S. Smith	
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Customer No.	: 36335	

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Madam:

In response to the Office Action of September 18, 2009, a response to which is due December 18, 2009 with a petition for a one-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for one (1) month from December 18, 2009 through January 18, 2009. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.